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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP: MRS. CARTER'S SCHEDULE

REF: NEW DELHI 18307, 18234

1. IN LIEU OF ADDING MRS. GORE AND MRS. GILDNER TO THE LUNCHEON, WHITE HOUSE STAFF WOULD PREFER THAT EMBASSY INVITE AN APPROPRIATE MEMBER OF THE INDIAN PRESS. WHITE HOUSE WILL INVITE AN AMERICAN PRESS MEMBER TO ATTEND AND FORWARD NAME TO EMBASSY.
 2. WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS LUNCHEON IS A WORKING ONE WHICH SHOULD BE STRUCTURED SO THAT EACH GUEST IS PREPARED TO SPEAK ON THEIR AREA OF SPECIALIZATION AND HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. ALL GUESTS SHOULD BE SEATED AT ONE LARGE TABLE.
 3. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT TO PANCHKUIN HALL ARE BASICALLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE WHITE HOUSE PENDING ANY MODIFICATIONS BY THE FIRST LADY'S ADVANCE PEOPLE. MRS. CARTER'S SPEECH TO THE CHILDREN MUST BE KEPT BRIEF. THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF DOES, HOWEVER, HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE EXHIBIT AT THE HALL AND REQUESTS THAT THE TIME
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SPENT VIEWING THIS EXHIBIT WILL BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM.

4. IS IT CUSTOMARY FOR VISITORS TO GIVE CANDY TO THE CHILDREN? MRS. CARTER WILL BE WILLING TO DO THIS BUT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S IDEAS OF THINGS SHE COULD BRING TO GIVE IN LIEU OF CANDY. PLEASE ADVISE ON THIS AND PROVIDE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO WILL BE

PRESENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT INTERPRETER WILL BE PRESENT.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER BACKGROUND ON THE DECLARATION SIGNING AND EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION ON WHETHER IT IS APPROPRIATE OR EXPECTED THAT MRS. CARTER ATTEND. WILL MRS. REDDY AND MRS. DESAI ATTEND?

6. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY TAKING PRELIMINARY STEPS TO SEE IF IT IS FEASIBLE FOR MRS. CARTER TO VIEW SOME ARTISANS AT WORK, POSSIBLY AT COTTAGE INDUSTRIES, ON TUESDAY MORNING. IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE THIS, BUT EMBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE A TENTATIVE SCENARIO FOR THIS EVENT. PLEASE COORDINATE TIMES WITH WHITE HOUSE ADVANCE.

7. PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE ROLE OF MRS. MEHTA, WHO IS DESCRIBED IN SOME SCENARIOS AS THE MILITARY LADY-IN-WAITING. IS IT EXPECTED THAT SHE WILL ACCOMPANY MRS. CARTER AT ALL TIMES?

8. PLEASE ARRANGE TO HAVE MRS. CARTER'S PRESS SECRETARY, MARY HOYT, TRAVEL WITH PRESS ADVANCE OFFICER FRAN LEWINE AND USIS OFFICER IN ARRIVAL MOTORCADE. VANCE

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